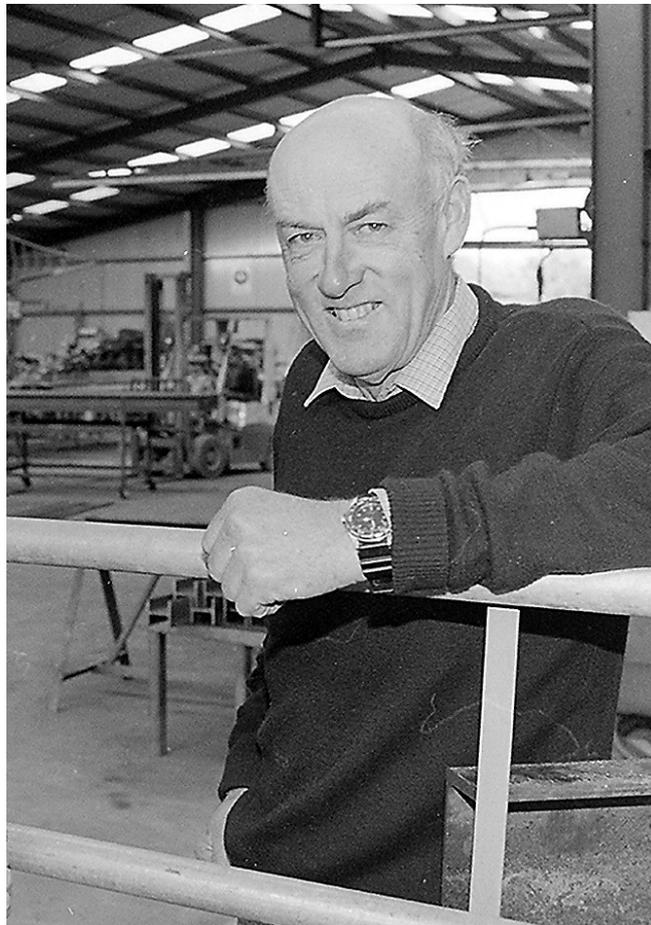


MT ROUSE NEWS & VIEWS



Vale Andrew Thornton

15 April 1942 - 31 January 2022



Above: Andrew in a typical buoyant mood after being selected to build a \$750,000 upgrade at the Bendigo Sale Yard in 1996.

A funeral service was held for Andrew Thornton in Geelong on Friday, February 4. He not only began Thornton Engineering but had a long connection with the Penshurst Hospital, Penshurst Apex, CFA and Hamilton Rotary. His eldest son, Simon, outlined his many talents in an obituary on pages 5 - 7.

Penshurst Progress Association

AGM

February 23rd, 7.30pm

At the Penshurst Memorial Hall

Everyone welcome.

Business: To elect a new
Committee of Management

Community Meeting to follow

Come to the meeting and catch up
on all the activities and projects we
have planned. Be part of the future
of our town.

PARTY TIME!!!

When: Saturday

12th March 2022

Where: Penshurst Botanic Gardens

Brunch in the Park

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Next Meeting - Wednesday 23rd February 2022 AGM & Community Meeting

7.30pm - Supper Room, Penshurst Hall

Good afternoon on this very grey day. You would almost think it is either winter, or at the very least Autumn, but no, its February 20. Have you had a good day?

My friends and I have been discussing how covid has helped with our hermit mentality ... encouraging us to stay indoors rather than getting out and visiting the people we care about. It's so easy, on a day like this, to think only about the book, the blanket and having a nap on the couch (usually, in my case, unexpected). I am a grandma again, so perhaps I have a vague excuse, but no, there are things to be done! - even if my drawing skills are about level 0+. And the scattered papers on my desk need sorting, filing or clearing out.

One project that made a vital step this past week is the "Penshurst Bushfire Place of Last Resort", ie moving it from the back of the Senior Citizens building to the Memorial Hall. Thanks to all the people who signed our petitions. There are over 100 of you. Your signatures plus the covering letter (and many letters of support) have now been delivered to the Council for their March meeting. It is step two in the process of making the changes that we want in our town. We look forward to the result of their discussions.

Another project gently tootling along is the Green Space. In previous newsletters I wrote of when the council came to visit, offering funds and some form of building at the back of the 79 Bell Street. We now know that the building will be around 4-5m square and are awaiting knowledge of the new council person running the project from their end. We also have the quote for installing water in hand. The next project I mentioned last fortnight ..

It's the party.

Why celebrate our volunteers and new residents? Do we need an excuse to get together and have a chat? After all these months of isolation and worry as people around us, and those we are related to, succumbed to the virus in varying degrees, there's no reason why, using commonsense, we can't enjoy free food and conversation, since we missed Australia Day for good reasons. One important part of that gathering is the acknowledging of our Citizen of the Year. This person has definitely earned the award and it will be a pleasure to present it to them at the brunch.

Where will you be that day? The brunch commences at 10.30am and will last as long as it does. The date .. Saturday 12th March. Location - the Penshurst Botanic Gardens. In the next few days I'll be contacting all the volunteer groups in the town to ask that they come and share their experience of caring for others through their work .. from mowing the lawns, large and small, to being a source of answers to interesting questions, to supervising the installation of really annoying windows, to the Art Exhibition, which commences on the 18th, to building shelves and building bridges between people. God bless our volunteers .. and if you don't believe in God, then wish them all well in your own way. Without volunteers we would not have half of the good things we have right here.

Would you like to be a volunteer? Come to the bbq and ask people of their experiences. I'm hoping they will all want to share.

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Andrew Thornton**by Simon Thornton (used with permission)**

There were lots of sides to dad and so to give everyone a perspective the speakers today have divided our eulogies into different themes in his life. Jean spoke about Dad as a boy and young man, Mum spoke about their marriage and life together, David talked about their shared careers at Thornton Engineering, Sally talked about his family life and capacity for love and Colin covered his athletic activities. I will speak about Dad's contribution in the wider community.

Dad was a man with enormous generosity of spirit. He loved people and he loved helping others. Lots of people knew Dad because he actively reached out to help them in big and small ways. Most people here today will have seen this in Dad first hand – some will have seen it in people that he inspired to be like him; his friends, his family and his workmates.

Dad's community service fell into 2 parts – a **formal** side and an **informal** side.

Dad was a life member of the Penshurst Hospital Committee with 14 years of service and of Penshurst APEX where he spent 10 years. He was an active member of the council at Hamilton College for 12 years and was a member of Rotary for more than 35 years from 1987 until his death this week. He served as a President in Rotary and APEX and was a Chairman of the Rotary International Committee. Dad was an active CFA member and firefighter for more than 20 years.

This all sounds pretty glamorous but there was some pretty hard work involved. I have a father and son memory of going with dad to APEX working bees at the sheep farms near Penshurst. APEX raised money for good works by cleaning out the sheep manure from under woolsheds and selling it as fertilizer in town. It was backbreaking work for all of us but at the end the men would all sit around with a long-neck of Melbourne Bitter and relax for a chat. It was true camaraderie for men in the country. We usually needed a shower after we got home.



1985: One of Thornton Engineering early products from the Penshurst factory - portable sheep yards.

Andrew went on three construction missions in New Guinea after the destruction of the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami. Each time, he and the Rotary team would load up a container with construction materials donated here in Australia and send it off to meet them in Port Moresby. Once they arrived they would take their supplies overland to the village that they were building on higher ground. That all sounds fine until we think about the geography of New Guinea. Dad came home with stories of trekking up remote tracks with the contents of the containers carried by hand. He talked about big thick snakes so long that neither their heads nor tails could be seen on

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Andrew Thornton (continued)

either side of the track. Like the locals, he just stepped over the snakes and kept trekking. Each time he returned with dangerous infections until eventually the team doctor wouldn't let him go back again. This was not arm-chair community service!

In the last 20 years he has received several distinctions from Rotary International linking to his work with Polio Plus and Wheelchairs for Kids.

He went along to **Bloodbank** for 30 years. Evidently they had really good biscuits and it was a good chance to catch up on the month's events with his mate Michael Page.

He delivered **meals on wheels** as a public service in Peshurst from the early 80s to the late 90s and always had a nice anecdote after his visits to the various old people in their homes.

So far we have talked about Dad's **formal** contribution to society and there are 2 really interesting points about it.

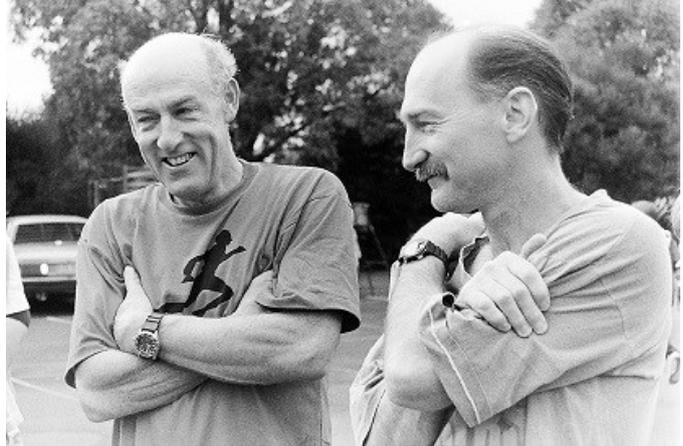
Firstly, I knew almost nothing beyond the organisation names involved while it was all going on. Dad would get on and contribute to the world without looking for any recognition – even from his family. When I spoke with Graeme about Dad's Rotary International Award, he mentioned that when dad learned about the club nomination to the international board in the US, he was keen to have it withdrawn.

Secondly, Dad's **formal** contributions to the world were really only a small part of his generosity.

Dad was involved in sponsoring refugees from war torn parts of the world and settling them in Australia. People from Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan now call Australia home and thank dad for his very practical work in getting them started with basic supplies and contacts. He seemed to find an endless supply of furniture and household items to get people settled.

When a parent at our kids school in Melbourne was critically injured in a bike accident, Dad organised all his biking mates around Geelong to do a charity ride to pay for life-saving surgery in the US. We had dinners and charity auctions and then a whole lot of bikers in lycra headed off down the Great Ocean Road for a good cause. The money raised allowed the trip and the surgery to happen.

As a practical sort of bloke, dad was enlisted in almost every form of construction working bee; from **our** kindergartens, schools and sports clubs then a generation later for his **grandkids'**



Above - 1993: A big field took part in a 10km Hamilton run to raise money for cancer. Andrew was first home in a time of 34.11. Fellow runner, Peter Richards, wasn't far behind.

Andrew Thornton (continued)

kindergartens, schools and sports clubs. We will never know how many swings and slides, storage sheds, BBQs or awnings Dad installed in his life – nor how many paving stones were laid or trees planted.

Dad would always put his back into his community work: one day about 10 years ago we were having dinner and he mentioned a working bee to erect a new cross at the All Saints Church in Newtown. He wasn't a member of All Saints and was just helping out a friend. He arrived with it on his ute and unloaded it at the wrong place and a member of the clergy came out and pointed to where it needed to go. The man in robes went off to find some strong men to lug it into place. While they were gone, Dad heaved it up on his shoulder and carried it across the road to where it needed to go. Dad wasn't a pious man and we laughed at the vision of him taking up a cross and carrying it across Noble Street – like a scene from Monty Python!

When he was needed, Dad always turned up with a white Toyota ute well-stocked with tools and more importantly he knew how to use them.

When there wasn't a working bee on, he cooked countless sausages for community events. On these days he arrived by bike and wore his lycra as he served lunch.

As far as society was concerned, he was someone who lived up to the words on his hat:

Thornton – Depend on it!

Thanks to the **Hamilton Spectator** for providing the three pictures that accompany this obituary on Andrew.

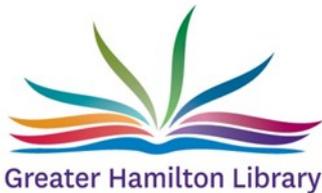
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The PENSHURST Pony Club recently attended the Tyrendarra Stockmans Challenge.

This challenge is comprised of four sections, a Dry Pattern, Time Trial, Whip Crack and Obstacles. All our eight riders came away with placings.

Those competing were Marjorie Carpenter, Sharyn Page, Colleen Claridge, Greg, Emily and Laura Featherston, Georgia Adams and Jenni Kinnealy.





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PENSHURST SENIOR CITIZENS



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, curfews, quarantines, and similar restrictions being implemented our Local Senior Citizen's club also came to a halt over the past year.

Now as restrictions have been lifted and there are no longer any limits on having social get togethers, the senior citizen's club is pleased to announce that we are resuming our club activities commencing with **BINGO on Tuesday 22nd February at 2pm.**



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Penshurst Bowls Club Tournament 9/2/2022

Penshurst ladies held a triples tournament on Wednesday 9th February. We were fortunate to have 10 teams enter, those supporting us came from Dartmoor, Coleraine, Heywood, Macarthur, Hamilton (2), Grangeburn (2) & Casterton (2). The weather was very kind to us after the hot days leading up, we did however cool down the players when suddenly the watering system turned on, scattering everyone till Kingy came to flick the switch!!! Everyone saw the funny side of it, as there was a spirit of happiness on the green after so many covid related cancellations. Our thanks to our small committed group of ladies who supplied a tasty morning tea & beautifully presented afternoon tea.

Winners were Anne Kearns team from Casterton with 4 wins. Runner up ; Wendy Kosch's team from Grangeburn, who snuck in ahead of Coleraine by 2 points. Spider roll; Jean Schroeder (Macarthur). Roll to ditch; Trish Brown. (Dartmoor). Raffle: Robyn Purcell (Port Fairy). Trish Brown (Dartmoor). Maryanne Allen (Casterton). Phantom draw: Lead: Lesley Toohey (Hamilton). Second: Elaine Jones. (Dartmoor) Skip: Robyn Purcell. (Port Fairy).

The Penshurst bowlers are nearing the end of the pennant season, Div one Saturday ended up cellar dwellers, Div 4 are second on the ladder & play Balmoral in their first semi. Midweek pennant team ended up on top, but were defeated by Balmoral but have a second chance against Coleraine next week.

Club champions are - Men: David Cook. Ladies: Ann Rentsch.

Far Western State triples event was won by our Penshurst team consisting of (pictured right) Brenda Uebergang, Ann Rentsch & Barb Moore (a Heywood bowler). This team will now represent the Far Western playing division at Colac on March 20th, so very exciting for us.



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Answers to Riddles: 1. Squash. 2. They are playing against other opponents. 3. The Finnish. 4. A chess piece (horse/knight). 5. Bob. 6. Because they have two opposing goals. 7. The vowels (a,e,i,o,u).



Mutterings and mumblings from Fr. David.

I was trying to figure out how to do something really tricky on the computer the other day. The details aren't important and someone fifty years younger would have figured it out in 25.6 seconds where I gave up in dismal disappointment. All this got me thinking. Is 'progress' a good thing or a not so good thing? Is it a help or a hindrance?

There are times to be sure when it is a fantastic asset. It has helped me 'stay in touch' with loved ones overseas. We can see and speak to each other in real time with real live images. I can see my daughter and son in law's new corgi puppy Myf. Extraordinary and wonderful and Myf is pretty cute. But there are times when the new geeky stuff is infuriating, too big, too frightening and not at all desirable. It is not helpful for the numbers in my blood pressure machine and the words which sadly slip out when I think no one can hear what I mutter.

It seems that I will always be doing this dance between looking back and looking forward and I think that is normal and helpful and healthy. Sometimes we need to look back and fix the things of the past (as best we can) before we look to the future. Progress is not a good thing if it keeps pulling you forward so quickly that it doesn't allow you to first fix up the past.

Ash Wednesday is on March 2nd. It is a time to look back at the ashes of the past and learn from our mistakes. It's also a time to look forward to the future with fresh and courageous resolve. Masses will be offered at 10am and 7:00pm and all are very welcome.

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I don't know about you, but right now we are drowning in zucchinis and tomatoes .. So here are a couple of recipes to share.

A PAGE TO SHARE RECIPES

Zucchini & Tomatoes

Prep Time 10 mins - Cooking Time 5 mins

INGREDIENTS

- 2 small zucchini, halved length wise then sliced into half-moons
- 2 medium tomatoes, diced in large pieces
- 1 small sweet onion, diced in large pieces
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 2 Tablespoon butter
- 4 Tablespoons fresh Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh basil, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Salt to taste

METHOD

In a large skillet over medium high heat, add butter and oil.

Add zucchini, onion and tomatoes, and saute for about 5 minutes.

Add basil, salt and pepper, stir.

Pour into serving dish, top with Parmesan cheese.

Serve hot, with more cheese if desired.



Zucchini Bake

Prep Time 5 mins - Cooking Time 25 mins

INGREDIENTS

- 2.5 lbs zucchini 2 large, cut into quarters
- 10 oz grape tomatoes cut in halves or 2 large tomatoes, diced
- 5 garlic cloves minced
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese grated
- 1 tsp any dried herbs like basil, oregano or Italian
- 3/4 tsp salt
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 1/3 cup parsley or basil finely chopped
- Cooking spray



1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and spray 8 x 8 or 9 x 11 baking dish with cooking spray. Set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl, add all ingredients, except parsley/basil; stir to combine.
3. Transfer to a prepared baking dish and bake uncovered for 25 minutes for crunchy zucchini or 35 minutes if you like well cooked vegetables. I recommend checking for doneness with a fork or knife after 25 minutes.

4. Remove from the oven, garnish with basil or parsley and serve hot/warm.

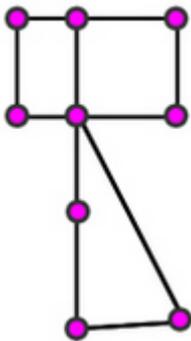
Something for the children to colour and think about

Are you a doodler or a scribbler?

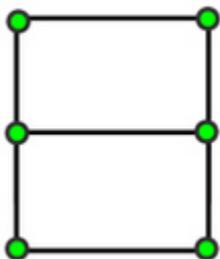
A **doodle** is a drawing made while a person's attention is otherwise occupied. Doodles are simple drawings that can have concrete representational meaning or may just be composed of random and abstract lines, generally without ever lifting the drawing device from the paper, in which case it is usually called a "scribble".

Popular kinds of doodles include cartoon versions of teachers or companions in a school, famous TV or comic characters, invented fictional beings, landscapes, geometric shapes, patterns, textures, or phallic scenes. Most people who doodle often remake the same shape or type of doodle throughout their lifetime.

Here's a different sort of doodle. These

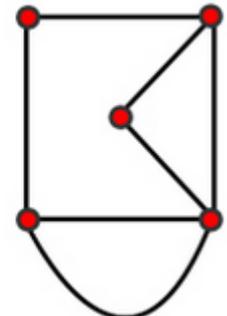
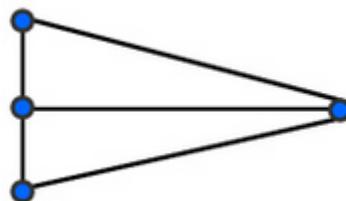
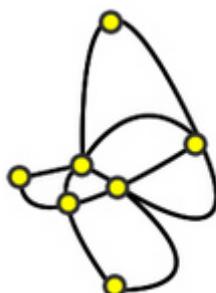


are called transverse shapes - which means they can be drawn from start to finish without lifting your pen from the paper. Can you work them out?

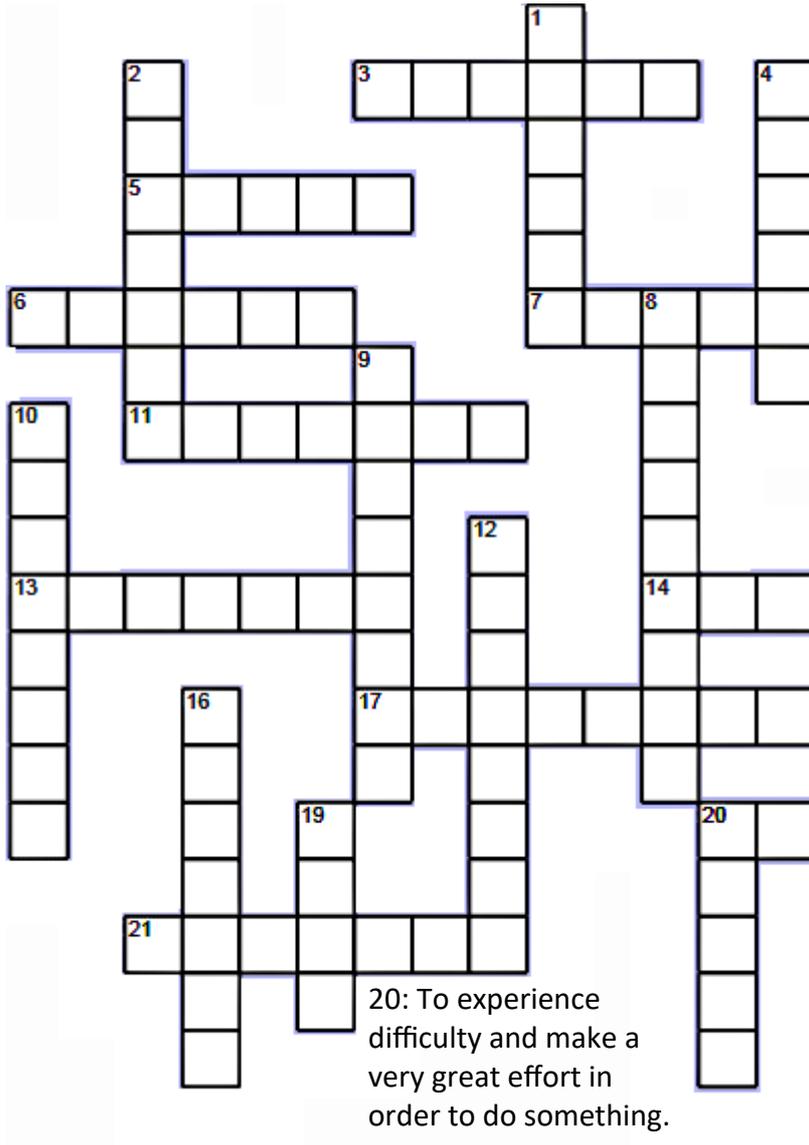


Remember you have to draw the whole image without going over a line twice. It is not as

difficult as it might seem. Have Fun!!



Mt Rouse Puzzler



Across: 3: Joining something to something to make something else.
 5: To show that you are happy or that you think something is funny by making a sound from your throat.
 6: Nanna (or grandpa) nap.
 7: The amount of an area, room, surface etc, that is empty or available for use.
 11: Something you make using numbers (plural).
 13: A set of three separate things.

14: Fairy's hideout.
 17: The period that starts at about 12 o'clock or after the meal in the middle of the day.

20: To experience difficulty and make a very great effort in order to do something.

21: 10 sided figure.

22: Two things that are the same and are meant to be used together.

24: A nine sided figure.

Down: 1: A traveling show that is often performed in a tent and that typically includes trained animals, clowns, acrobats, etc.

2: A thin usually rubber bag that becomes larger when it is filled with air or gas.

4: A chemical that is found in the air, that has no colour, taste, or smell, and that is necessary for life.

8: A feeling of being very surprised or amazed.

9: A covering for a window made of strips of wood, plastic, or metal that can be turned to block out or let in light.

10: A flat shape that has seven sides and seven angles.

12: A figure with five straight sides and angles.

15: A flat shape that has 8 sides and 8 angles.

16: Not in or at any place.

18: A figure with six straight sides and angles.

19: Short form of a shape with four corners.

20: Showing little thought or judgment, or lightheartedness.

23: Singular.

Last fortnight's crossword answers - Across: 3 roost, 4 seer, 5 squash, 7 likely, 8 irrigate, 10 centennial, 13 national, 15 botanical, 18 wattle, 21 uniform, 22 lodge, 23 series.
Down: 1 forestry, 2 decimal, 3 request, 6 cleopatra, 9 perspective, 11 scramble, 12 patent, 14 toss, 16 location, 17 manse, 19 trough, 20 butter.

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Penshurst Hospital

- Combined Churches service 3rd Tuesday every month in W.J. Lewis wing at 11 am.
- Penshurst Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, 3rd Tuesday each month, Sheppard Room 1.30 pm.
- Residents, Relatives & Carers group, Tuesday bi-monthly, 1:30 pm.
- Penshurst Social Support Group - WDHS meets every Thursday; for Exercise, Activities, Outings and General chit chat. Join us for lots of fun & laughter at Sheppard Centre - **COVID Permitting**. Western District Health Service – PENSURST Campus. Please contact Fiona Social Support Group Coordinator on 03-5551 8381 Or @ WDHS on 55518683

Mt Rouse & District Historical Society

- Courthouse open 1st Saturday each month 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.
- Meeting 4th Sunday in January, March, May, July, September and November, 2pm at the Court House. Phone Phil 0458 766 250.

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- 1st Friday dinner meeting. 3rd Tuesday business meeting, each month at 8 pm at Penshurst Memorial Hall, Ritchie Street. penshurstlions@gmail.com

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- Pennant Season (October - February) meets 1st Thursday at 7.30pm Alaister 0427 555 973
- Off Season 1st Tuesday at 7.30pm.



AmbulanceVictoria

The Penshurst Branch is staffed by local Ambulance Community Officers (ACOs).

Ambulance Victoria is regularly looking for local ACOs. If you are interested in becoming an ACO or would like further information, please email penshurst.teamleader@ambulance.vic.gov.au

Penshurst Pony Club Rally

- 1st Sunday each month. Phone Jenni 0409 962 969

Penshurst Senior Citizens

- meet last Tuesday monthly, 4 pm at club rooms in Bell Street.
- Novelty Bingo, last Tuesday of month Feb - Nov at 2.15 pm.
- Cards & social afternoon, 2nd Wednesday monthly at 2pm

Penshurst Book Club - Meets 2nd Tuesday each month at 2pm at Senior Citizen club rooms (Winter) and Rurik's Shed (Summer). Contact Ruth Pihl 0490418313

Penshurst Church Services

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Tabor

Service every Sunday 10.00am

Penshurst Anglican Church

4pm Mass 4th Sunday each month

For further details contact Janet Kelly on 5576 5247

St Andrew's Uniting Church Penshurst

2nd & 4th Sunday

11am Service

St Joseph's Catholic Church Penshurst

1st Sunday No Service

2nd Sunday Mass 8.30am

3rd Sunday Lay Service 8.30am

4th Sunday Mass 8.30am

5th Sunday Mass 8.30am

Sports Riddles

1. What sport can also be eaten?
2. Two people were playing chess and both won. How did this happen?
3. People from what country never fail to complete a marathon?
4. I am a horse without legs and a body, I jump but never run. What kind of a horse am I?
5. Bob's coach has five players: four are named Jojo, Koko, Lolo and Momo. What is the fifth player's name?
6. Why are soccer fields always unsure about what to do?
7. We're five little things that you use all the time, and you'll find all of us in "a tennis court".



Penshurst's Website

Have you visited the Penshurst website yet?

Not only is the site full of valuable information, but there are links to many of the important organisations within our town.

Would you like to add a link to your website? Email president@penshurstprogress.org.au

Visit our site

www.penshurstvictoria.com.au
and let us know if you have any comments.

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